

U.S. PTO Customer No. 25280

Case No. 5113

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Higgins et al.
Serial Number: 09/721,871
Filed: November 24, 2000
For: Cushioned Carpet, Carpet Tile, and Method
Group Art Unit: 1771
Examiner: Juska, Cheryl Ann

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Box AF
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated January 27, 2004, of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-51, 57-85, 123-126, 128-130, 132, 133, 136-142 and 145-149.

Although the rejection on page 2 of the Office Action dated January 27, 2004 includes claim 56, Applicant notes that claim 56 has been cancelled and that the rejection should have read "57" rather than "56".

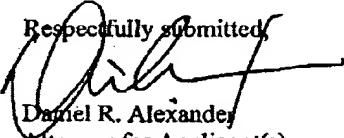
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1. () An Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith.
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March 24, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

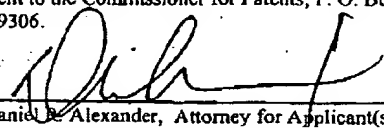

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